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RESISTANCE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Organization and Functions

The Resistance Intelligence Committee (RIC) was established by the IAC in December 1953, 1/ pursuant to the recommendation of an IAC representatives' staff study, which had reviewed and endorsed a G-2 proposal that the IAC establish an ad hoc group to survey anti-Communist movements and resistance potential in the Soviet Bloc. The RIC was set up on an ad hoc basis and instructed (1) to "coordinate the preparation, within the /IAC/ agencies' capabilities, of all-source intelligence studies and projections regarding trends, situations, and specialized phases of anti-Communist resistance and resistance potential in the Soviet Orbit (including Communist China) required by the participating agencies. . ." and (2) to report "to the IAC within six months with recommendations for its /RIC/ discontinuance or continuance as a permanent committee. 2/

The RIC produced two Resistance Intelligence Reports: RIR-1 (Poland), 20 July 1954 and RIR-2 (China), 2 November 1954. In accordance with the instructions setting up RIC, 3/ these were considered as coordinated research reports rather than as national intelligence estimates.

On 20 July 1954 the IAC approved the report of the RIC and RIR-1, as amended, and agreed that, upon completion of RIR-2, the RIC should be dissolved, and that an annual estimate of resistance activity should be included in the regular estimates program. 4/ Consequently, following the completion of RIR-2, the RIC was abolished in November 1954. 5/

1/ IAC-M-132, 8 December 1953; IAC-D-75/2, 1 December 1953.
2/ IAC-D-75/2, 1 December 1953.
3/ Ibid.
4/ IAC-D-75/4, 15 July 1954; IAC-M-160, 20 July 1954. See also IAC-D-75/2, 1 December 1953.
5/ IAC-M-173, 2 November 1954.

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Pursuant to the direction of the IAC, the next IAC "resistance" paper therefore was coordinated through the regular IAC estimative machinery, rather than the RIC, and published as NIE 10-55, "Anti-Communist Resistance Potential in the Sino-Soviet Bloc," dated 12 April 1955.

However, on 30 August 1955 the IAC, after consideration of the post-mortem on NIE 10-55, agreed to reconstitute the RIC 6/ and instructed the RIC to draft proposed terms of reference. According to these terms of reference, as approved by the IAC, the purpose of the RIC is "to review the status of collection, analysis, and dissemination of detailed resistance intelligence regarding the Sino-Soviet Bloc in order to discover deficiencies and recommend action to overcome them." 7/

Membership

The present membership of the RIC consists of representatives from State, Army, Navy, Air Force and CIA. In accordance with IAC direction, the Department of State member serves as chairman. 8/

The RIC has no subcommittee structure.

Reports and Publications

The RIC publishes no regular reports. However, IAC agencies are required to report to the RIC twice yearly as to whether they have information which would cause changes to be made in current IAC estimates (NIE 10-55, RIR-1, or RIR-2). The RIC shall advise the IAC when a revision of these estimates is considered necessary. 9/

6/ IAC-M-210, 30 August 1955; IAC-D-57/11, 30 August 1955.
7/ IAC-M-226, 17 January 1956; item 7; IAC-D-75/6, 17 January 1956.
8/ IAC-D-75/6, 17 January 1956; IAC-M-226, 17 January 1956.
9/ Ibid.

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Meetings

The RIC has no regularly scheduled meeting time. However, it meets on the request of any member to consider specific items of importance regarding resistance intelligence, to arrange for the production of coordinated reports, and to approve these reports before submission to the IAC for publication. 10/

10/ Ibid.

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